

Safety Net(work)

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Quote of the Month:

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

-Winston Churchill

Tread Safely This Winter

Slips, trips and falls are one of the leading causes of injury each year for State of Wisconsin employees. Historically, the highest months of injury frequency tends to be during the winter season – November through April. Figure 1 shown below depicts the total number of slip, trip and fall workers compensation claims, by month, over the past five fiscal years. Figure 2 shown below illustrates the total number of slippery surface, ice, water, grease workers compensation claims, by month, over the past five fiscal years.

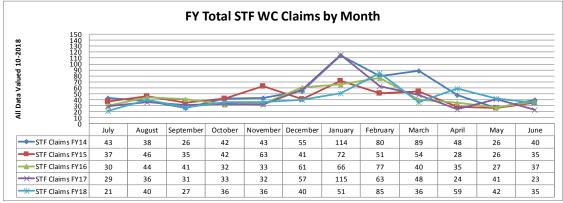


Figure 1

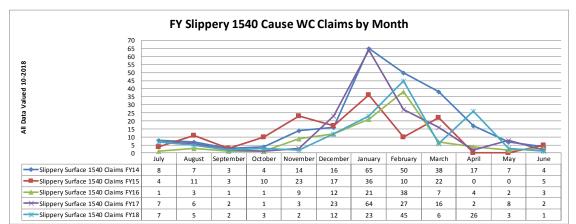


Figure 2

Workers Comp

Claims Claims FY18 YTD FY19 YTD 977 936 Lost Time Lost Time FY18 YTD FY19 YTD 191 210

Consumer Safety

<u>United States Consumer</u> <u>Product Safety Commission</u>

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PREVENTING WINTER FALLS

Preparation:

- Plan ahead giving yourself enough time
- Wear appropriate footwear that provides traction
- Limit what you carry to provide better balance

Action:

- Use designated walkways and avoid taking shortcuts
- When walking on steps, always use hand railings and plant feet firmly on each step
- Look out for black ice, especially early morning and in areas shaded from the sun
- Immediately report any unsafe conditions to Buildings and Grounds
- <u>Communicate awareness tips</u> (STF Prevention Manual Ctrl Click Hyperlink):

